

{39} Malachi

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(7) For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

(8) But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

(9) Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

(10) Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

(11) Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

(12) The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

(7) Because the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: because he is the messenger of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.

(8) But you have departed out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.

(9) Therefore I have also made you contemptible and base before all the people, because you have not kept My ways, but have been partial in the law^b.

(10) Have we not all one father? has not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously each man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

(11) Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; because Judah has profaned the holiness of the LORD {Jehovah} which he loved, and has married the daughter of a strange god^c.

(12) The LORD {Jehovah} will cut off the man who does this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and he who offers an offering to the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.

2:9b - partial in the law - they have been unfair and have shown preference to their friends and those of higher social status when judgments of the law are made.

2:11c - believers are never allowed to intermarry with unbelievers who worship other gods - Lev. 34:16; I Cor. 7:39; II Cor. 6:14-15 - many of the tribe of Judah [Judah refers to the descendants of Jacob's son Judah] - the tribe of Judah along with the tribe of Benjamin was carried into exile into Babylon as discipline because of their disobedience to the Lord's commands.

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(13) And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand.

(14) Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

(15) And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

(16) For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

(17) Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

(13) And this you have done again, covering the altar of the LORD {Jehovah} with tears, with weeping, and with crying out^d, so much that He does not regard the offering any more, or receives *it* with good will at your hand.

(14) Yet you say, Why? Because the LORD {Jehovah} has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously: yet she *is* your companion, and the wife of your covenant^e.

(15) And did He not make one? Yet He had the left-overs of the spirit. And why one? That He might seek a godly offspring^f. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

(16) Because the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of Israel, says that He hates divorce: because *one* covers violence with his clothing, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that you not deal treacherously.

(17) You have wearied the LORD {Jehovah} with your words. Yet you say, How have we wearied *Him*? When you say, Every one who does evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and He delights in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment^{g?}

2:13d - they put on a good show at the temple, but they are not sincere, therefore their offerings are rejected by the Lord.

2:14e - they had made marriage vows, but did not treat their wives with the love and respect commanded by the Lord, they had treated their marriage vows with disrespect and did not honor their wives.

2:15f - in a godly marriage, the children are brought up in a godly manner to love and respect the Lord and others.

2:17g - they were acting like they were not going to be held accountable for the lives they were living. They didn't really believe God would judge them for their disobedience to Him.